

**COLORADO RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY  
FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT  
NEW FEE OR FEE CHANGE  
PROPOSAL FORM**

**1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Name of Project Area/Site: **Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area**

Project Contact Person: **Hannah Schechter**  
Position Title & Phone #: **(970) 724-3008**

BLM Field Office: **Kremmling Field Office**

Site Type (Cabin, Campground, Area, etc):\_

**Pumphouse Recreation Site-** 18 individual & two group campsites (all have picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads), five boat ramps, a public water system, 12 vault toilets, three kiosks, two gravels parking lots and BLM collects trash on site

**Radium Recreation Site-** 6 individual & 2 group campsites (all have picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads), 1 boat ramp, 5 vault toilets, 2 kiosks, a gravel parking lot, and BLM collects trash on site

Capacity: **24 individual sites and 4 group sites**

Season of Use: **April-November**

Fee Type: Standard Amenity\_\_X\_\_ Expanded Amenity\_\_\_\_ Special Rec. Permit\_\_\_\_

The BLM is proposing to change the user fee from an expanded amenity fee to a standard amenity fee.

Proposed Action: New fee\_\_\_\_ Change of fee\_X\_\_\_\_

Existing Fee: \$3 day use

Proposed Fee: \$5 day use

Date of last fee increase: **The current fee was initiated in 1998 and has never been increased.**

Summary of **benefits** the public receives or will receive:

- **Toilets**
- **Boat launches**
- **Trash removal**
- **Accessibility improvements (2010)**
- **Regular patrols by BLM recreation staff and Law Enforcement Officer (in day use area as well as on the river)**
- **Picnic tables, grills, etc. in day use areas**
- **Drinking water (only at Pumphouse)**
- **Kiosks with information about river, recreation, fishing, history, etc.**
- **Regular maintenance of access roads, trail system, and facilities (vault toilets)**
- **Electricity to blow rafts up**

- **Regular cleaning of day use areas and toilets (daily restock of toilet paper and trash removal, weekly spray out of toilets)**
- **Assists in rescue operations in the SRMA**

Facilities/Amenities Checklist (check all that apply, list each site separately):

Site Name: **Pumphouse Recreation Site**

1. ☒ Designated developed parking
2. ☒ Permanent toilet facility: ☐ Flush ☒ Vault
3. ☒ Permanent trash receptacle
4. ☒ Interpretive sign, exhibit or kiosk
5. ☒ Picnic tables
6. ☒ Security services

Other Amenities: ☒ Garbage Removal, ☐ Paved Access Road, ☒ Drinking Water,

☒ Information/Directional signs, ☐ Shower/Bath House, ☒ Tent Pads,

☒ Electricity, ☐ RV Hookups, ☒ Fire Rings/Grills, ☐ Other

Photo(s):



Upper Colorado River SRMA



Pumphouse Parking



Pumphouse Launch #1



Pumphouse Launch #2



Pumphouse Launch #3



Pumphouse ADA Camp site



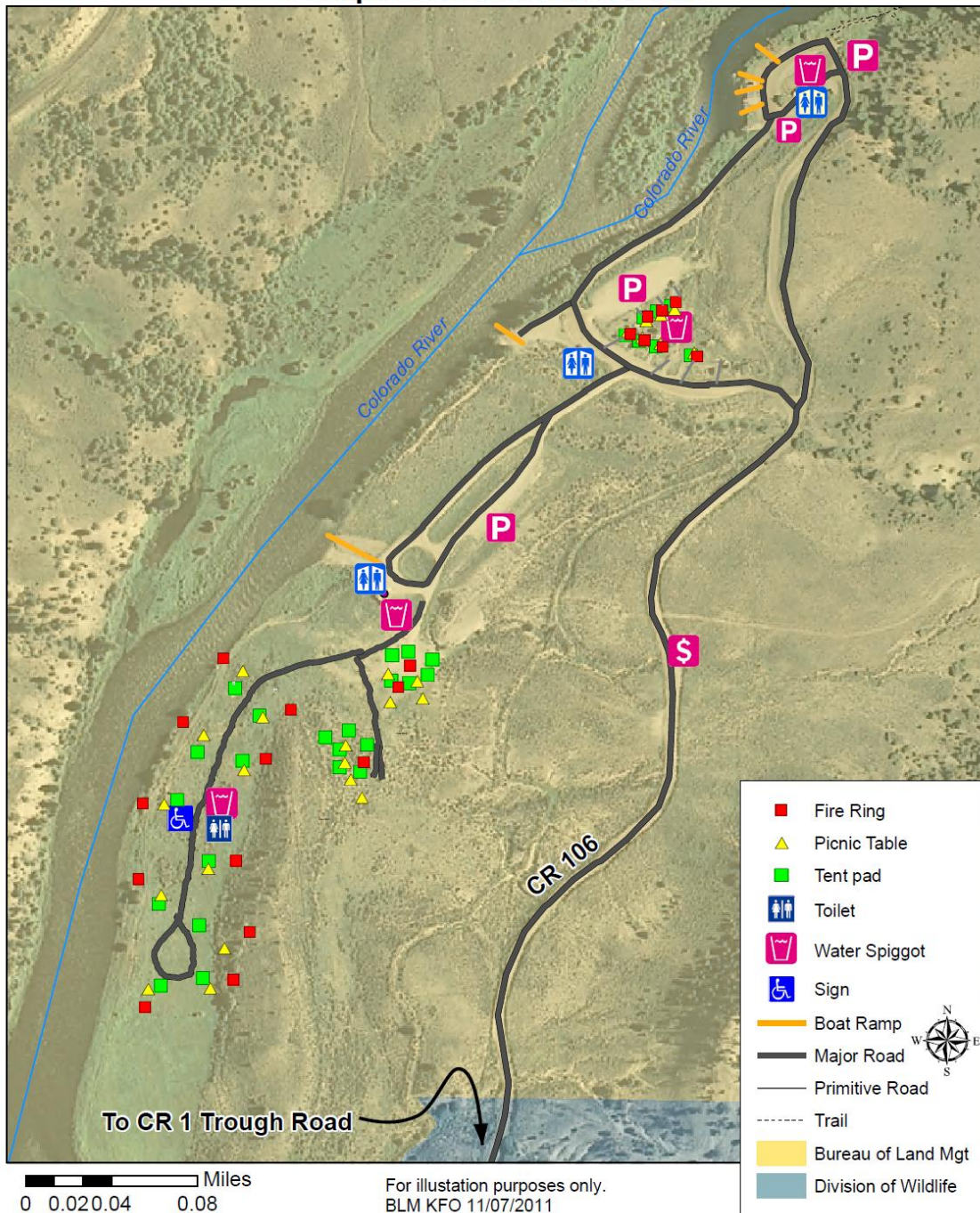
Pumphouse Launch #2 Vault Toilet



Map (HIRA's show boundaries and ID amenities):



## Kremmling Field Office Pumphouse Recreation Site



**Setting & General Description (include description of the site, natural resources/features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.):**

The UCR SRMA is located in Grand and Eagle Counties in North Central Colorado. The SRMA is managed for river-related recreation opportunities, primarily rafting and fishing. An estimated 60,000 people visit the area each year. There are currently 55 commercial outfitters permitted to offer services to visitors (e.g. guided rafting, guided fishing, shuttle services). Historically 60 – 70% of the use has been commercial; however, trends suggest an increase in private use. Overall use (i.e. private and commercial use combined) has remained stable over the past ten years.

The UCR SRMA was designated in the 1984 Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP) to manage for river-related recreation opportunities including rafting, kayaking, fishing and camping. As part of the current revision of the 1984 RMP, Arizona State University conducted a visitor preference survey that targeted users within the UCR SRMA. The survey results suggest that the SRMA is valued for 1) opportunities to participate in river-related activities (rafting, kayaking, fishing, and camping); 2) the close, easy access from front range communities; 3) the natural settings (scenery, wildlife); and 4) the opportunity to spend time with family or friends. The survey indicates that visitors achieve a high level of satisfaction from their visits to the SRMA (4.3 on a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being extremely satisfied).

There are two sites where fees are collected, Pumphouse and Radium. The Pumphouse site is a popular put-in for rafters and anglers. The site has 18 individual and two group campsites with picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads. There are five boat ramps, a public water system, 12 vault toilets, three kiosks, two gravel parking lots at the site, and the BLM collects trash on site.

NRHP Eligibility (Cabins/Structures): ☐ Archeologist's concurrence: ☐Y ☒X\_N  
Comments: ☐

Site Name: **Radium Recreation Site**

1. ☒ Designated developed parking
2. ☒ Permanent toilet facility: ☐ Flush ☒ Vault
3. ☒ Permanent trash receptacle
4. ☒ Interpretive sign, exhibit or kiosk
5. ☒ Picnic tables
6. ☒ Security services

Other Amenities: ☒ Garbage Removal, ☐ Paved Access Road, ☐ Drinking Water,  
☒ Information/Directional signs, ☐ Shower/Bath House, ☒ Tent Pads, ☐  
☐ Electricity, ☐ RV Hookups, ☒ Fire Rings/Grills, ☐ Other

Photos:



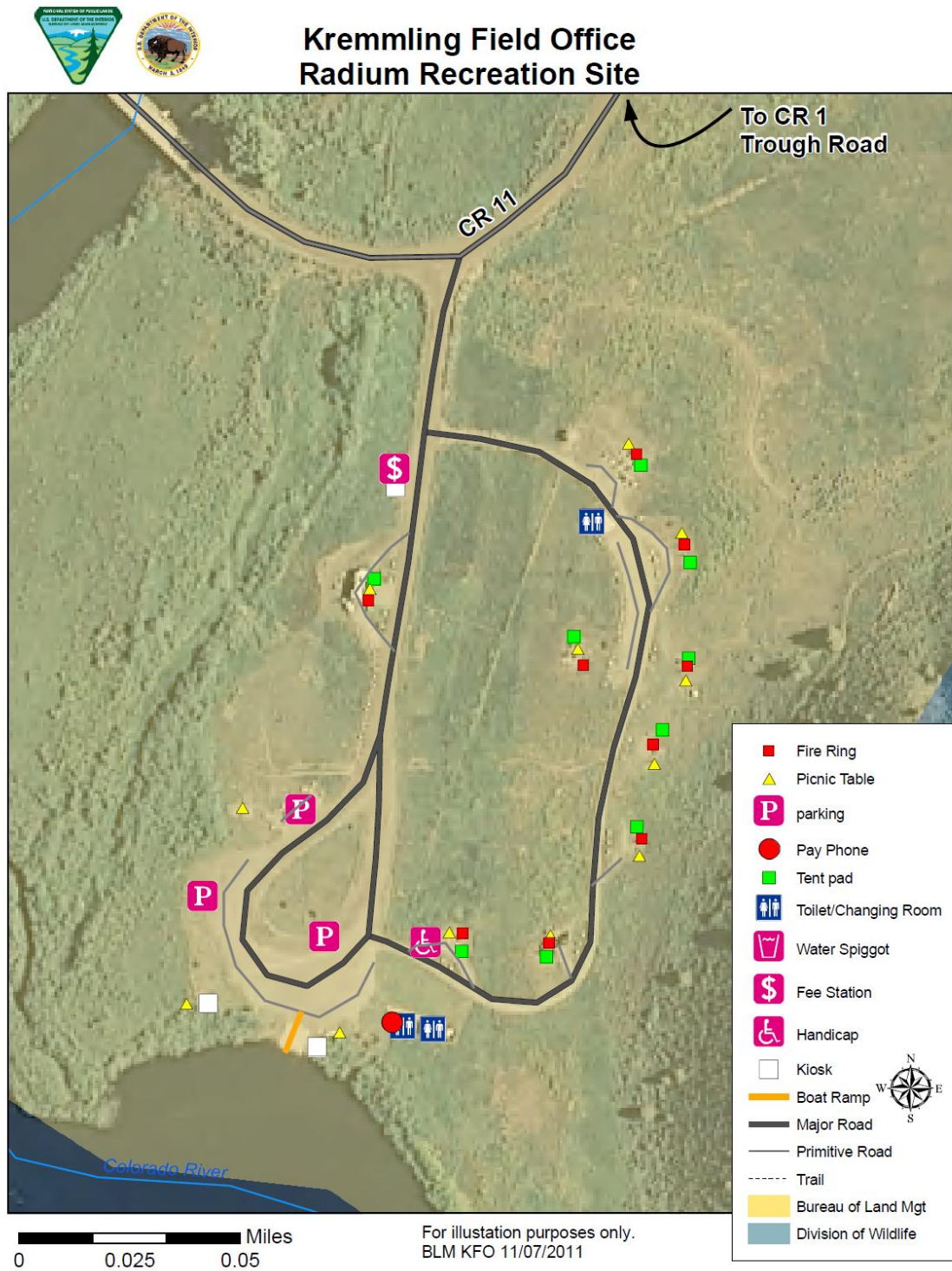
Radium Recreation Site



Radium Group Campsite



Map (HIRA's show boundaries and ID amenities):





**Setting & General Description (include description of the site, natural resources/features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.):**

The Radium site has six individual and two group campsites with picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads. There is one boat ramp, two kiosks, five vault toilets, and a gravel parking area. The BLM collects trash on site.

NRHP Eligibility (Cabins/Structures): ☐ Archeologist's concurrence: ☐Y ☒X☐N  
Comments: ☐

## 2. CURRENT AND PROJECTED REVENUES and ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS

See Attachment A: Revenue/Cost projection spreadsheet.

## 3. COST OF BACKLOG WORK NEEDS:

Roads/Parking Areas:	<b>\$100,000</b>
Building/Facilities:	<b>\$197,000</b>
Water/Waste water Systems:	<b>\$</b>
Associated Trails:	<b>\$ _</b>
Signs:	<b>\$ _</b>
Other (list):	
Update and publish new river guide	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$322,000</b>

## 4. FEE COLLECTION METHOD AND ESTIMATED FEE COLLECTION COSTS

Method: **On-site self-pay stations. Fee envelopes are collected regularly and transported to the Kremmling Field Office where the collections officers process and deposits the fees.**

Costs: **\$11,000 annually**

Note: No collection costs are incurred for sites under the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS).

## 5. FEE DETERMINATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Fair Market Value Comparison (compare similar fees at other FS, state, federal, or private recreation sites in the area with similar facilities & services):

**Facility type(s): Forest Service, day use and overnight camping**

**Number of facilities compared: Day use- 2, camping- 4**

**Proximity to project area: 10- 60 miles**

**Price range: Day use- \$5 per vehicle, Camping- \$5-\$22 per site/night**

**Selected fee and method:**

6. PLANNED USE OF FEES RETURNED TO SITE (list by priority; include daily O&M if appropriate; add to list if appropriate)

1. Seasonal employees at recreation sites
2. Maintenance (road maint., toilet pumping, supplies/services, utilities, vehicles, facility repair/maint.)
3. Law enforcement
4. Front desk visitor services
5. 15% administration/overhead

7. CUSTOMER/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MECHANISM TYPES

- ☒ Site Monitoring
- ☒ Customer Survey Card
- ☐ Comment Log / Cabin Guest Book
- ☐ Newspaper Articles
- ☒ Website Listing
- ☒ E-mails
- ☒ Direct Mail
- ☐ Personal Contacts
- ☒ On-site Posting
- ☐ Other (list): \_

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESULTS

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

9. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

List and reference additional information (documents) that can be provided upon request to document this project proposal and the public response.



## 10. PROJECT SUBMITTAL & CERTIFICATION

### **Project Submittal:**

This recreation site is already, or being submitted for inclusion as, a fee site under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). This proposal has been reviewed by representatives on the unit. I understand that any reservations must be made through the NRRS system. I also fully understand and agree to comply with the accounting and reporting requirements necessary to participate in the fee program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Forest Supervisor/ BLM Field Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Project Certification:**

This recreation site is already, or is now forwarded as, a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is forwarded to the RRAC for their review under REA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recreation Fee Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

BLM Washington Office Review \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_N

### **RRAC Project Recommendation:**

This site and proposed fee schedule is \_\_\_\_ / is not \_\_\_\_ recommended as a fee site.

This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is \_\_\_\_ / is not \_\_\_\_ recommended to the Secretary for acceptance under REA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colorado Recreation RAC Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Project Acceptance:**

This site and proposed fee schedule is \_\_\_\_ / is not \_\_\_\_ accepted as, a fee site.

This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is \_\_\_\_ / is not \_\_\_\_ accepted by the Secretary under REA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Forester/BLM State Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date